



**Author Erin Saldin: Young-Adult Fiction**

Erin Saldin grew up in Idaho. She has been a Peace Corps Volunteer in Togo, West Africa and holds an MFA from the University of Virginia, where she was a Henry Hoyns Fellow in fiction. She has been awarded the Rrofihe Trophy in Fiction, and her work has been selected for *The Best New American Voices* in 2009. In 2010, she was awarded PEN/Northwest's Margery Davis Boyden Wilderness Residency, and spent six months living off the grid in the Klamath Mountains of Oregon. She is a lecturer in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Davidson Honors College at The University of Montana.

Saldin's short stories, reviews, and essays have appeared in *Five Chapters*, *Open City*, *The New York Times*, *The Best New American Voices*, *The Northwest Review* and *The Virginia Quarterly Review*. Her debut novel for young adults, *The Girls of No Return*, was published in February 2012 by Arthur Levine/Scholastic Books, and received three starred reviews.

Application reviewers called Saldin's writing "striking, engaging and emotional." They said that the genre of young-adult fiction is hot right now, and Saldin brings a real literary sensibility to the genre. The quality of her work is far above the average young-adult author. "Her work is sensitively written and the characters are very intriguing."